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## Family Missions Day kicks off July 24

By William H. Perkins Jr.  
Editor

Mississippi Baptist families have an upcoming opportunity to work together to share the Gospel and improve a pair of communities in the state.

"This is the third year that Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) has partnered with local Baptist associations to provide families with a hands-on missions experience — FamilyFEST — here in Mississippi," said Tammy Anderson, consultant in the Mississippi WMU Department and coordinator of the 2010 event.

The 2010 event, called Family Missions Day, will take place July 24 in Hattiesburg and West Point. Activities will begin at about 8:30 a.m. and conclude at about 4:30 p.m.

"We had a successful week-long FamilyFEST pilot project on the coast in 2008, followed by a week-long national FamilyFEST project in Natchez in 2009. In promoting FamilyFEST the past two years, feedback from several parents and church staff members was a concern over involving children in a missions project that lasted four days. So, this year we decided to provide families with a one-day family missions project.

"Taking busy schedules and the economy into consideration, it seemed reasonable to conduct a Family Missions Day that was both close to home and financially feasible. Families and other mission volunteers — anyone can participate — have two locations from which to choose. Ministry and mission projects will vary based on needs of the location," Anderson said.

Dan Robertson is missions director for Golden Triangle Association in Columbus, which encompasses the West Point and Clay County areas. He said Clay County Baptists are looking forward to hosting volunteers from across Mississippi.

"Work will be done landscaping around the Eastside School, Central School, Westside School, and Central Office in West Point. Also, we plan to prayer walk several schools and hand out flyers in apartments near where the Mission Vacation Bible School will be held the next week," he said.

"We are looking for a great day on July 24 with Family Missions Day," said George Berger, missions director for Lebanon Association which includes Hattiesburg and the Forrest County area.

"Our original plans were to work at four sites, but the (school) superintendent retired in one of the local systems and another has not responded. We will be working at North Forrest Elementary and High School doing landscap-

ing work, and at Oak Grove Middle School doing painting. Both are great opportunities for families and for individuals to be on mission in Christ's name," Berger said.

Anderson pointed out that the benefits of families working together on such projects are unmistakable. "Recent research on family volunteering suggests that families who perform service-type projects together can strengthen their families. Families who volunteer together have reported some of the following benefits:

- Stronger sense of commitment to the family.
- Improved family communication.
- Increased sense of closeness and belonging by family members.
- More quality and quantity of time together as a family.
- Nurturing of love and respect between family members.
- Opportunities to express affirmation and affection.
- Parents are able to model their faith.
- An expanded worldview.
- Increased self-worth and personal identity.
- Opportunity to create a family's "legacy of service"

Volunteers must sign up through Golden Triangle Association for the West Point project or Lebanon Association for the Hattiesburg project, so that food reservations can be made and insurance can be arranged. The \$10 per person cost includes lunch, morning and afternoon snacks, limited insurance, prayer walking keychain, and supplies.

"We do need for interested people to call and give us their names so that we can insure them and order lunch and snacks for everyone," Berger said. "What an opportunity this is to impact our communities in our Savior's name."

Golden Triangle Association can be contacted for the West Point project at (662) 328-6802. E-mail address is goldentriangle-ba@bellsouth.net. Contact persons are Robertson and ministry assistant Kay Vaughn. Project coordinator Mary Ingram can be reached at (662) 494-2775.

Lebanon Association can be contacted for the Hattiesburg project at (601) 261-2771. E-mail address is 2malba@bellsouth.net. Contact persons are George Berger and ministry assistant Wina Wills.

Family Missions Day is supported by the churches of Golden Triangle and Lebanon Associations and the Mississippi Cooperative Program.

## Speakers Tourney Champs



Winners in the recent 2010 Speakers Tournament at William Carey University in Hattiesburg included Jenna Clendenning (second from right), First Church, Brandon, first place; Katelyn Williams (third from left), Crossgates Church, Brandon, second place; Ross McCarty (third from right), Highland Church, Meridian, third place; Sarah DeLee (left), First Church, McComb, fourth place; Jack Schultz (second from left), First Church, Oxford, finalist; and Lee McCarty (right), Highland Church, Meridian, finalist. The Speakers Tournament, sponsored by the Discipleship and Family Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, encourages students in grades 10-12 to develop skills to better serve Christ through public speaking. Top winners receive scholarships from Mississippi Baptists' three institutions of higher learning: Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, William Carey University in Hattiesburg, and Mississippi College in Clinton. The Speakers Tournament is supported by the Mississippi Cooperative Program. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)



# Judge strikes down Defense of Marriage Act

BOSTON (BP) — In a landmark decision that could force the United States to recognize same sex marriage, a U.S. district judge in Boston on July 8 overturned part of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), ruling that the government cannot constitutionally distinguish between traditional marriage and same sex marriage.

Judge Joseph L. Tauro's ruling on a pair of lawsuits from Massachusetts invalidates Section 3 of the act, which says that for the purpose of federal law, marriage "means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife."

It is the first ruling of its kind. If upheld, it will place the United States alongside the 10 or so other countries worldwide that recognize same sex marriage. It would force the government to recognize such marriages from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Iowa, and Massachusetts, and by extension grant federal benefits such as tax breaks and federal employee spousal insurance to same-sex couples.

Tauro was appointed to the federal bench by President Richard M. Nixon in 1972.

"Four to five years ago when we were encouraging the passage of the federal marriage amendment, many people criticized us and said that we were crazy, that the Defense of Marriage Act was sufficient and that we were just trying to rally the troops and get out the vote," Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, told Baptist Press.

"What we said would happen has happened. We said that sooner or later a federal judge somewhere was going to strike down all or part of the Defense of Marriage Act. The only way for the nation to protect itself

from same-sex marriage being foisted upon it by imperial judicial fiat is to pass a marriage amendment (to the U.S. Constitution) that defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. Judges can't strike down amendments," Land said.

Land predicted the case will end up before the U.S. Supreme Court and result in a 5-4 decision one way or the other with Justice Anthony Kennedy, who has voted with the liberal bloc in recent cases involving homosexuality, casting the deciding vote.

The U.S. Justice Department, which has the responsibility of defending the law, has not announced whether it will appeal. President Obama opposes the law, and legal conservatives have complained for months the Justice Department was putting forward a weak defense by refusing to use the best arguments in defense of the law.

In 1996, the U.S. House of Representatives said the law was needed to encourage responsible procreation and mother-father homes. Some state courts have cited those reasons in refusing to legalize same sex marriage, but the Justice Department chose not to use that line of reasoning.

"Children do best with a mother and a father and the government has a legitimate interest in promoting that ideal," Dale Schowengerdt, an attorney with the Alliance Fund, told Baptist Press. "The disappointing thing is that the government explicitly disavowed the interests... that Congress referenced [in 1996]. It's very disappointing, especially in light of the fact all the courts that have upheld the definition of marriage relied on those bases."

Schowengerdt said that some of the attorneys currently working in the Obama Justice

Department also served in the Bush Justice Department. During the Bush years, he said, the department used arguments based on procreation and child-rearing. Yet those same attorneys now have been told to abandon the best legal argument to defend DOMA, Schowengerdt said.

"Regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum, lawyers should make the arguments that other courts have ruled in favor of," he said. "That's a no-brainer... but that's what, under this administration, the attorneys have had to do."

The ruling adds to what could be a banner summer for homosexual activists, despite the fact that a same-sex civil unions bill was vetoed by the governor of Hawaii. Homosexual groups are hopeful that a federal judge in a high-profile West Coast case soon will strike down California's same sex marriage ban.

They also are optimistic a congressional bill repealing the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy will pass. On the pop culture front, NBC's Today program reversed course on July 8 and announced it will allow same-sex couples to participate in its Modern Day Wedding Contest.

The Today show even said it is a "longtime supporter of the LGBT community."

The Defense of Marriage Act passed in 1996 by margins of 84-15 in the Senate and 342-67 in the House and was signed by President Clinton. Homosexual activist groups have targeted the law ever since, viewing it as a major impediment to same sex marriage legalization in all 50 states.

Section 3 of the law, Tauro argued, violates the Constitution's equal protection principles and the constitutional guarantee that states are sovereign.

"Congress undertook this classification for the one purpose that lies entirely outside of legislative bounds, to disadvantage a group of which it disapproves," Tauro wrote. "And such a classification, the Constitution clearly will not permit. In the wake of DOMA, it is only sexual orientation that differentiates

a married couple entitled to federal marriage-based benefits from one not so entitled. And this court can conceive of no way in which such a difference might be relevant to the provision of the benefits at issue."

The two lawsuits, one by the Massachusetts attorney general and the other by the homosexual group GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders), did not seek to strike down the law's other major section that gives states latitude in defining marriage. Tauro's ruling did not address the constitutionality of that section.

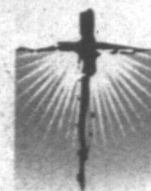
GLAD is the same group that successfully sued in Massachusetts and Connecticut to legalize same sex marriage. The DOMA suits argued that the Defense of Marriage unconstitutional denies same sex couples the federal benefits of marriage.

"[T]he court simply affirmed that our country won't tolerate second-class marriages," Mary Bonauto, GLAD's civil rights project director, said in a statement. "...This ruling will make a real difference for countless families in Massachusetts."

Yet conservative legal groups responded to Tauro's ruling by asserting the government has a legitimate interest in defining marriage between one man and one woman. Brian Raum, senior counsel of the Alliance Defense Fund, noted that "it was a condition of statehood that marriage be defined as one man, one woman 'during the polygamy battle in the 19th century.'"

Mathew D. Staver, founder of the legal group Liberty Counsel said the federal government "can rationally conclude" that traditional marriage is "superior to same-sex unions."

"Indeed, history and common sense show that marriage between a man and a woman has a procreative component absent from same-sex unions," Staver said. "Moreover, children do best when raised by a mom and a dad. Same-sex unions permanently deprive children from experiencing male and female parenthood. This activist decision must be appealed..."



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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

## Ordination OK'd

MINNEAPOLIS (BP) - Delegates to the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly in Minneapolis voted on July 8 to allow the ordination of non-celibate homosexuals but shelved a proposal to redefine marriage in a way that would include same-sex couples. By a vote of 373 (53.6%) to 323 (46.4%), delegates approved the measure on homosexual clergy, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. That proposal now must be ratified within 12 months by 173 regional presbyteries. The General Assembly has approved homosexual ordination three times before, only to have it rejected on the district level, the Star Tribune noted. The proposal to redefine marriage as being between "two people" instead of between "a man and a woman" was referred back to committee for further study by a 51% majority, the AP reported. "Leaders of the PCUSA are still confused about the biblical teaching that channels sexual expression through the marriage of man and woman," said Alan Wisdom, vice president for research and programs at the Institute for Religion and Democracy, a Washington, D.C.-based organization that monitors mainline denominations for left-leaning positions and liberal theology. Currently, Presbyterians may be ordained as clergy, deacons, or elders only if they are married or celibate, the AP reported. The measure adopted in Minneapolis proposes to strike references to sexuality entirely. Presbyterian ministers currently are allowed to perform ceremonial blessings of same sex couples but not marriage ceremonies, even in states where same sex marriage is legal.

## Looking back

10 years ago

A bill to prohibit the federal Federal Communications Commission from restricting religious speech on noncommercial educational channels passes the House of Representatives by a 264-159 vote.

20 years ago

Mississippi College in Clinton is among 19 Baptist-affiliated schools recognized by the John Templeton Foundation for building moral and spiritual character and for teaching "traditional Western political and economic philosophies," generally known as free enterprise.

50 years ago

R.B. Patterson Sr., Amory, is named "Rural Minister of the Year" in Mississippi by The Progressive Farmer magazine and Emory University School of Theology. He is an area missionary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, serving 23 north Mississippi counties.





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## A tough battle

All in all, it hasn't been a great week for the pro-family groups and those who are working to blunt the growing movement in this country to legitimize all things homosexual.

The biggest blow came on July 8 from Boston-based U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro, who ruled in a pair of lawsuits filed against the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that government cannot constitutionally distinguish between the traditionally-accepted concept of marriage between one man and one woman and "marriages" that include two people of the same sex.

Tauro, who was appointed to the federal bench by President Richard M. Nixon, took special umbrage with Section Three of DOMA. "Congress undertook this classification for the one purpose that lies entirely outside of legislative bounds, to disadvantage a group of which it disapproves. And such a classification, the Constitution clearly will not permit. In the wake of DOMA, it is only sexual orientation that differentiates a married couple entitled to federal marriage-based benefits from one not so entitled. And this court can conceive of no way in which such a difference might be relevant to the provision of the benefits at issue."

The implications are grave. If Tauro's ruling stands, the whole of the United States may eventually be forced to allow same sex marriage as legal and acceptable — including Mississippi. That means all the efforts over the years to hold the line on same sex marriage in this state will be for naught.

Even more ominously, if the citizens of the United States cannot establish a simple legal definition of marriage, then what type of "marriage" is off limits? Adult/child marriages? Human/animal marriages? Perhaps even marriages between humans and trees or other vegetation?

Don't laugh. The Internet is rife with articles by individuals and groups promoting every outrageous type of union and



Marriage Act," Land pointed out.

On the same day that Tauro's ruling was announced, delegates to the Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly in Minneapolis voted to allow the ordination of noncelibate (sexually active) homosexuals to the posts of clergy, deacon, and elder. Do Presbyterians really want homosexuals and lesbians, officially recognized by the Church, teaching Sunday School to first graders and twisting Scripture to explain why their lifestyle is acceptable to God? Apparently so.

To their modest credit, General Assembly delegates also voted to table a proposal to endorse same sex marriages, but by a timid 51% majority.

Ordained Presbyterian priest Janet McCune Edwards of Pittsburgh, a delegate to the General Assembly, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune newspaper, "The heart of marriage is the love and commitment between two people. That's what Scripture teaches. Two men or two women can show all the love and commitment we recognize as marriage."

This struggle for the soul of America is getting harder and harder, and the casualties continue to mount. No one said it would be easy to stand up against these dark forces, but we have the heart of the Savior and the truth of God's Word on which to rely. May it always be so, as we join in the battle where we should be.

pushing for marriage status. Today's outlandish perversions often become tomorrow's acceptable, even protected, behavior.

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## GUEST OPINION:



### Go for the real prize

By David Gray  
Garrettsville, Ohio

pastor of a small rural church. Eleven years later I pastor a good but still small church. I think I understand how LeBron feels. There have been a lot of good things that have happened but it just doesn't feel like we've won it all. There is an elusive championship (in the world's eyes) that I have not been able to rally those around me to obtain.

The difference between LeBron and me is my success or failure won't be determined by a survey of my career statistics. What will count will be the quality and depth of my relationship with Jesus Christ. My obedience in fulfilling my calling to be a disciple who makes disciples who can make disciples is the measure that will determine my success.

I don't have to settle for a corruptible crown. I claim a prize that will still have meaning in eternity.

LeBron seems to be seeking to have the world see him as a great champion. I seek to have the One who has won to declare me a winner, so right where I am I pursue the calling to urge men to "love your wives; even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

I want to model, teach, and train men to understand how to raise their children without provoking them to anger but "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the word." (Ephesians 6:4).

Until LeBron James gives his heart to Jesus he can never hope to know the thrill of vic-

tory that comes from expecting to hear, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter ye the joy of the Lord." I am convinced James will have a great career as a basketball player. Yes, he has disappointed all those in Northeast Ohio who had dreamed of a championship, although it would mean little in eternity.

He certainly knows the game of basketball. I pray he will someday excel at the game of life.

For those in Ohio who put their hopes and dreams in LeBron James, I pray they will reconsider. LeBron has been chasing a lesser dream. Let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). Sure, basketball, football, and all the other sports can be fun but they do not determine a true winner.

A true champion is the one who fulfills his or her calling from God.

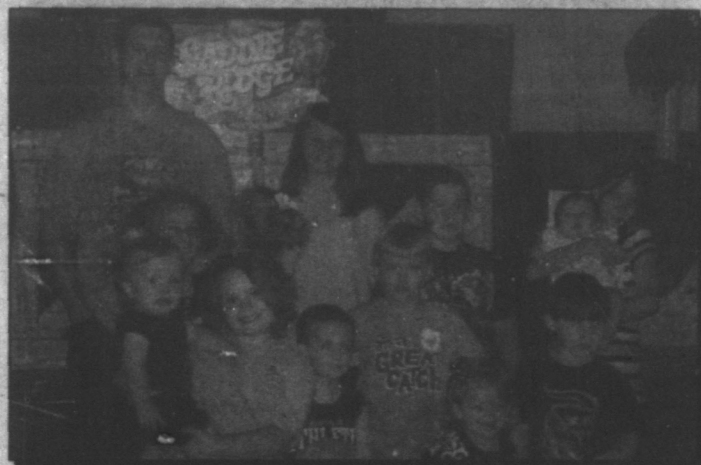
Gray, former president of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, is pastor of First Church in Garrettsville, located about 35 miles from Akron, LeBron's hometown, and 45 miles from Cleveland. Gray's commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



1. First Church, Batesville



2. Mt. Vernon Church, Eupora

1. First Church, Batesville: June 7 - 11; average attendance, 216. Shown are the participants.
2. Mt. Vernon Church, Eupora: June 21; shown are the participants.
3. Cowart Church, Charleston: June 7 - 9; 13 children, 10 - 11 adults; Shown are the children.

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1. Chester Church, Ackerman, recognizes its Bible drillers.
2. Fair River Church, Brookhaven, recognizes its Bible drillers. Shown are Daniel Weeks, Shelby Weeks, Jessica Carr, teacher Naomi Winborne, and Rachel McDaniel.



1a. Chester Church, Ackerman



1b. Chester Church, Ackerman



2. Fair River Church, Brookhaven

### REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. Rock Hill Church, Mt. Olive: Revival, July 18 - 21: Sun., 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Walton Douglas, speaker; Reuben McDowell, music; Nelson Crozier, pastor.
2. First Church, Lake: Revival, July 18 - 21; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Scott Fortenberry, speaker; Michael Gibson, music; Ken McLemore, pastor.
3. Shiloh Church, Foxworth: Revival, July 25 - 28; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; James Messer, speaker; Austin Revere, music; Chris Barrow, pastor.
4. Terry's Creek Church, Magnolia: Revival, July 18 - 21; Shane Freeman, speaker; Mike Moak, music; Todd Sumrall, pastor.
5. Arlington Church, Bogue Chitto: Revival, July 18 - 21; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by lunch and 1:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Greg Warnock, speaker; Phillip Thornton, music.
6. First Church, Clara: Revival, July 18 - 21; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Sonny Adkins, speaker; Lynn Buckalew, music.
7. West McComb, McComb: July 25 - 30; Sun., 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., followed by lunch, worship; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; singing, 1 p.m., featuring Roll Away the Stone; Mon. - Fri., 7 p.m.; Gary Bowlin, speaker; Joe Elliot, music; Vann Windom, pastor.
8. Newhebron Church, Newhebron: Revival, July 18 - 23; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Fri., 7 p.m.; Gene Douglas, speaker; Joe Elliot, music; Derek Lambert, pastor.
9. Bethel Church, Oxberry: Revival, July 14 - 18; 7 p.m. nightly; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Jim Nunnelee, speaker.
10. Calvary Church, Pascagoula: Homecoming, July 17 - 18; Sat., cookout and fellowship, 10:30 a.m.; Sun., worship, 10:30 a.m.; James Miller, speaker.
11. Pleasant Grove Church, Brookhaven: Revival, July 18 - 23; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Fri., 7 p.m.; David Millican, speaker; Philip Alford, music.
12. Hickory Grove Church, Sumrall: Revival, July 18 - 23; Sun., 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and 1 p.m.; Mon. - Fri., 7 p.m.; Nathan Barber, speaker; Kenneth Walters, pastor.
13. Ramah Church, McCall Creek: July 18 - 21; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Robert Andrews, speaker.
14. Bethel Church, Smith Association: Revival, July 29 - 31; 7 p.m. nightly; David McCord, speaker.
15. Eastside Church, Pelahatchie: 50th anniversary, July 18, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Leon Stuart, speaker.
16. Holly Springs Church, Foxworth: Revival, July 18 - 23; Sun., Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Mon. - Fri., 7 p.m.; John Blackmon, speaker; Daniel Lee, music; Ron Jordan, pastor.
17. Mt. Vernon Church, Liberty: Homecoming, July 18; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner; Scott Griffin, speaker; Bill Pendleton and Heather McKenzie, music.



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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Revelation Two: Eleven

## POSTPONE DECISIONS BEYOND YOUR ANGER

It is not wise to make a decision in moments of anger. It does not matter what the issue is, who the people are that are involved, how well versed you may be, or how quick-minded you are as a genius of all things. If you make a decision when you are angry, you probably will wish later that you had not. I rarely quote former President Bill Clinton and, in fact, this may be the first time I ever have quoted him. Recently, I was listening as he spoke at the funeral of Senator Robert Byrd. He made this statement and I suppose that it would be open to interpretation and I am not sure of its accuracy. He said, "Whenever you make a decision in anger there is about an 80% chance that you could possibly be wrong." Then he went on with his remarks.

I do not know where he got those stats, but I think to some degree, if not totally, they are true. I know that sometimes in a moment of emotional eruption, a decision must be made and you have no choice but to do it while your feelings are still red hot. Your mind may be overwhelmed with wrong thinking, but you press on. However, if possible, it seems that many times it is better to wait.

Through the years when some decision had to be made fairly quickly and it was involving a highly charged, emotional moment, I have looked for ways and opportunities to delay the decision if possible. If the same situation, issues, and emotions are seen 24 hours later, a different solution will invariably be there too. I am not sure what physiological action or reaction takes place in us when we get angry and what hormones or endorphins kick-in to play and cause our brains to shut down or at least spin out of control, but it sure seems to happen and the results are rarely good.

I can remember years ago when the solution for those kinds of moments was to count to 10, but I am prone to think that if you counted to 100, you



## Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

would be better off. If you counted to 1,000, it would still be better, and if you would take the time to count to 100,000, you might be standing before the best solution of all. There are occasions, but they are extremely rare, when blowing up and letting off steam is a better solution than keeping your mouth shut. Are there Bible guidelines of what we need to do in order to keep our emotions and our words in check? Absolutely!

**Cool-it!** James said, "Be slow to anger" (James 1:9). Chill out, get away from the fire, and lower the temperature. Biblically and practically that is a great starting point. It is not the end-all of life just to chill out every moment of every day, but there are people who if they had been slow to anger they would still be in their marriage. There are relationships that would not be fractured. There are friends who would still care for each other. There are deep hurts and wounds that never would have happened if we would **cool it!**

**Pool-it!** You say, "Do what?" Take a moment and as a result of backing away slightly, look at all of the aspects around the issues, emotions, and the relationship. Put your feelings and your thoughts into a pool of other questions and ideas. Ask if it's this worth it. Will it actually matter next week or next year? Is there a better way to handle this? In 24 hours, will I be glad that I did not get mad? Space will not allow me to ask all of the questions but there could be a hundred that easily would form a pool, a thought process to see the events and weigh them out. So **pool it!**

**Rule-it!** James said, "No man can control the tongue"

(James 3:8). It is a guaranteed fact that if the tongue gets all juiced up on anger, it is sure to go crazy. So how do you rule those feelings and expressions? You have to have help. Only the Lord can bring the kind of discipline that will restrain the tongue, reign in our feelings, and shape us with a Christ-like demeanor. Put this rule into effect in your life. If you feel like you have to say something to get your views on the table or if you feel like your anger is raging and your emotions are stirred, ask God what He would have you do. **Rule it!**

I am confident that He will tell you and He will help you. Trust Him!

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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



10. Freeny Church, Carthage

10. Freeny Church, Carthage, held a deacon ordination service in April. Shown are John Adams, Neil Patterson, Joel Chamblee, and interim pastor Scott Vaughn.

11. North Columbia Church, Columbia, held a baby dedication May 9. Shown are Brydon and Amy Terrell with baby Thomas Wyatt Terrell, and Scott and Leigh Hall with baby Allie Marie Hall.

12. Bond Church, Neshoba County, licensed John Clifton Pope to the gospel ministry July 4. Shown are Gerald Wilson, Pope, supply pastor Hugh Martin, and Elsie Cumberland. Clifton is available for preaching appointments and can be contacted at (601) 562-7462 or via email at merittad@hotmail.com.

13. Bellevue Church, Pontotoc County, recently hosted a mother-daughter luncheon. Special guest speakers were Joyce Rogers and Janis Edmiston, mother and daughter of the late Adrian Rogers. Shown are the participants.

14. Friendship Church, Grenada, recognizes its Bible drillers. Shown are the students.

15. As part of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board disaster relief ministry, the R.A.'s, G.A.'s, and Grace Sunday School class of Branch Church, Morton, donated Bibles for Bring a Bible Sunday. The participants, shown, collected 14 Bibles.

16. Christ Church, Greenwood, celebrated its 25th Annual Day June 13. Charter members receiving certificates of appreciation in attendance were Sandra and Richard Upchurch, Cleo and John R. Watson, Carolyn Teal, Glenn Hitt, Mae Sykes, and Virginia and James Arnold, shown.

17. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, celebrated a ground breaking for their new sanctuary June 13. Shown are pastor Randy Gardner, Olie Polk, Floyd Hitt, Prudence Laird, Barney Smith, and Ricky Dyess. Polk and Hill are the church's oldest active members.



14. Friendship Church, Grenada



15. Branch Church, Morton



16. Christ Church, Greenwood



17. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia



11. North Columbia Church, North Columbia



12. Bond Church, Neshoba County



13. Bellevue Church, Pontotoc County







## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS



2. Athens Church, Monroe County



3. Whitaker ordination



4. Edwards ordination



5. Melrose Church, Bentonla

1. Cedar View Church, Olive Branch, is hosting a community singing July 17, 6 p.m., featuring The Bluegrass Gospelaires.

2. Athens Church, Monroe County, celebrated its centennial June 20. After remembrances were shared and flowers presented, pastor Stephen Ford brought a Father's Day message followed by a covered dish lunch and afternoon concert by The Sonlight Singers (shown).

3. Big Level Church, Wiggins, ordained Adam Whitaker to the gospel ministry. He serves as Big Level's youth minister and is a student at New Orleans Seminary. He is shown with his wife Kim and pastor David Perry.

4. First Church, Boyle, ordained pastor Clarence Edwards. Shown are Jimmy McLendon, Edwards, and his wife Sandra.

5. Melrose Church, Bentonla, recently honored their primary musicians at a fellowship meal. Shown, from left, are organist Carolyn Vandevere, director Billy Robinson, and pianist Marion Foster. Together they have served in music at Melrose for over 40 years.

6. Central Church, McNeill gave special recognition to Billy Galloway and his wife Ginnie, July 4 for 10 years of service as pastor.

7. West Ripley Church, Ripley, ordained Jeremy White into the ministry. White serves as youth pastor at West Ripley. He is shown with pastor Randy P. Latch.

8. Fellowship Church, Ellisville, held a special service Father's Day by honoring fathers with gifts. Shown are the participants.

9. Children from Crestview Church, Petal, attended MS Kids "Spy Camp" at Central Hills Retreat, Kosciusko, June 21-23. Shown are the participants.



6. The Galloways



7. White ordination



8. Fellowship Church, Ellisville



9. Crestview Church, Petal



## STATE BIBLE DRILL WINNERS



### Nine Year Scholarship Drill Winners

From left:  
**Marcus Peagler**, Director, Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board  
**Amber Ensign**, Crossgates Church, Brandon, First Place  
**Michelle Edwards**, Southside Church, Jackson, Second Place  
**Kayla Miles**, McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, Third Place  
**Glenn Shows**, Consultant, Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board



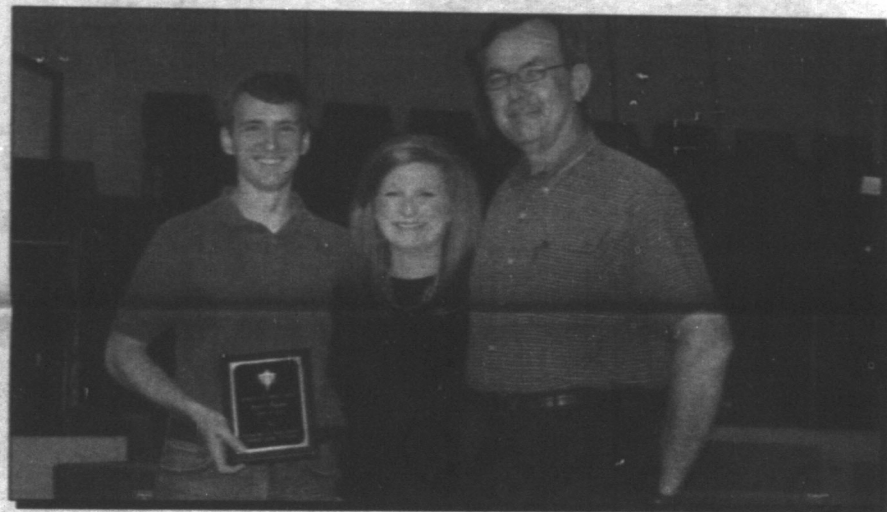
### Junior High Selection Tournament Winners

From left:  
**Courtney Evans**, Raymond Road Church, Jackson, First Place  
**Steven Gentry**, First Church, Helena, Second Place  
**Taylor Phillips**, Hope Church, Philadelphia, Third Place  
**Ken Hall**, Consultant, Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board



### Senior High Selection Tournament Winners

From left:  
**Rebekah Chancellor**, Hepzibah Church, Vicksburg, First Place  
**Anna Rainey**, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, Second Place  
**Jessica Wilson**, Mt. Pisgah Church, Eupora, Third Place  
**Don Hicks**, Consultant, Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board



### Friends of Bible Drill

From left:  
**Darren Scoggin**, Friends of Bible Drill recipient  
**Sarah Scoggin**  
**Marcus Peagler**, Director, Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



9. Gazebo Bible school, Drew

9. Volunteers from **Drew Church, Drew**, held a Gazebo Bible School recently, with as many as 19 attending. Youth from Calvary Chapel, Parchman, led music and singing, and Gilbow's Drug Store gave ice cream. Shown are the participants.

10. **First Church, Holly Springs**: Third grade class, June 7 - 11; shown are the participants.



10. First Church, Holly Springs



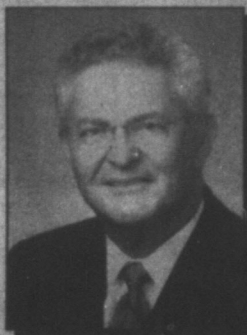
## Modern Day Slavery

By Jimmy Porter  
Miss. Baptist Christian Action Comm.

Words can take on different meanings and connotations due to circumstances, both good and bad. For instance the word gentleman has evolved from a landholder of noble birth to mean someone who is nice and courteous. The words slave and slavery are words that have acquired negative connotations due to slave trade and slaveholders of the past and present.

Slavery has been defined as submission to a dominating influence, and slave has been defined as one that is completely subservient to a dominating influence. Paul, the apostle, in Romans 1:1 refers to himself as a slave to Jesus Christ and called to be his missionary. Due to his conversion Paul found himself under the dominating influence of Christ and the principles of Christianity.

Paul's slavery was greatly different than the practice of capturing humans, bringing them to America and then selling them to the highest bidder. The latter group became nothing more than a piece of property.



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individuals in their clutches and power. Tyrant rulers in numerous countries govern with fear, abuse, and other ruthless tactics. In essence the people are enslaved.

Our history teaches us that slavery can exist in democratic countries even as it does in countries ruled by dictators or religious clerics. A dominating influence that makes one subservient can be one's past, an idea, a system of belief, or anything or anyone that controls our thoughts and actions.

America was and is still the greatest country in which to live, but slavery

bought, sold, and abused against their will. Paul became a willing bond slave to Christ in response to the freedom granted to him in Christ.

The fact remains - there has and will always be dominating influences that hold

ery did not become extinct with the Emancipation Proclamation. Even though slaves were declared to be free, our history reveals the fact that these liberties were slow to become reality, if and when they ever did. The form of slavery that fiercely divided our country is no longer in existence, but most of us are controlled by some dominating influence.

Visit the Capitol during the legislative session, listen to the debate in either of the chambers and you will see what I mean. Sometimes the influence of a political party is so strong and pervasive that good legislation never makes it out of a committee. A politician can become so indoctrinated by a particular political party that their goal becomes to serve the party and not to work within the party to serve the people.

On occasions the dominating influence is the color of one's skin. This past session a pro-life bill was hotly debated. Ultimately the bill became an issue of race and not that of saving children's lives. The bill simply stated Mississippi would not use tax dollars to pay for abortions under the new health care reforms. President Obama issued an executive

order to that effect, but he also gave states the privilege of opting out of this coverage if they felt it necessary. Mississippi exercised that option, but during the debate a few members of the Black Caucus took offense to the bill, suggesting it was an insult to our President. Some harsh things were said and it was then that I realized that many in our state would die in slavery because they will never get beyond the bitterness of the past.

Some might think the term slavery is a bit harsh, but the truth is that all of us are slaves to something or someone. All of us regardless of our race are influenced by our heritage. We can never be totally free from these influences. That is okay as long as we do not allow it to keep us from moving positively into the future hand and hand with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We all need to be "slaves" to Christ. In Christ there is a bond of love that transcends our past, our prejudices, our practices, and our political parties. The Word says, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." How free are you?

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



5. Griffith Memorial Church -



6. Artesia Church, Artesia

1. **Harmony Church, Walnut:** Total enrollment, 217.
2. **New Home Church, Fulton:** June 19, 56 people present.
3. **Beulah Church, Decatur:** July 19 - 23, 5:45 - 8:30 p.m.; ages 3 - 6th grade.
4. **Cascilla Church, Cascilla:** July 12 - 16, 6 - 8:15 p.m.
5. **Griffith Memorial Church, Byram:** June 6 - 10; average attendance 105. Shown are the participants.
6. **Artesia Church, Artesia:** June 21 - 25; decorations were donated to the Artesia Community VBS, with average attendance of 60. Shown are the participants.
7. **Freney Church, Carthage:** June 6 - 9, with 65 children and 14 adults attending. Average attendance, 108. Shown are the children.
8. **Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale:** June 14 - 18. Shown are the participants.



7. Freney Church, Carthage



8. Clarksdale Church, Clarksdale



## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

### The Power of Petition

1 Samuel 22:17-20; 23:1-6, 9-13

By Tony Martin

Just how relevant are we as Christians? Society tends to regard us and God's word as irrelevant. This is not your grandfather's America, when "church folks" were respected, churches significantly impacted their communities and the culture, and clergy were held in high esteem. Today, Christians face disrespect from others because of their faith. This is nothing new. In spite of our changing world, Christians should continue to seek God and follow His leadership, no matter the outcome.

**Saul Plots (1 Sam. 22:17-20)**

Saul despised David. In verse 17, he ordered his guards to kill all the priests of the Lord, because they sided with David. Saul had made something akin to a police state, where spies were everywhere, and everyone was encouraged to "snitch" on their neighbor.

The guards weren't willing to carry out Saul's sentence, so Saul next turned to Doeg, an Edomite and Saul's head shepherd. Doeg carried out the assignment with relish, not only killing 85 priests (those who wore the linen ephod), but moving on to the town of Nob where he wiped out all its people and the cattle, donkeys, and sheep. This fulfilled the prophecy found in 1 Samuel 2:31, in which God said the house of Eli would be judged. There was only one survivor of this atrocity, Abiathar, and he fled to join David.

There can be a high cost in being one of God's people. Certainly this was the case with the priests and the citizens of Nob. Frequently, Christians may suffer false accusations when others attempt to attack and discredit God's message. Our mandate is to be prepared when such accusations come,



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and be able to defend our faith and beliefs.

**David Pleads (1 Samuel 23:1-5)**

David is put in a situation where he must defend the border town of Keilah, in Judah. Keilah was just a few miles from the Philistine city of Gath.

David and his men, camping in the forest, knew what dire straits Keilah was in, and spies had been dispatched to bring David word. The spies told David that Keilah was being attacked by the Philistines and the harvest was being stolen. David did exactly what he should have done: he asked God what he should do. David knew it would be easy to follow his own instincts rather than seek and obey God's will.

God spoke, and David attempted to rally his troops. Problem was, his men wanted nothing to do with this fight. "Here in Judah we are afraid," they said. "How much more, then, if we go to Keilah against the Philistine forces!" (v. 3, NIV). So David asked God for guid-

ance once again, and again God said for him to attack. It wasn't that David was afraid; but the fear assailing his troops was what made them balk at the prospect of battle. Nevertheless, David's men decimated the Philistines, took their livestock, and saved the people of Keilah.

Seeking God's direction should be our first response to any situation. Additionally, even when we think we have a clear word from God, we have to keep seeking His leadership. Had David simply listened to the word of his men, spoken in fear, the story might've had a different outcome. As it was, God confirmed His command by delivering the Philistines into David's hands.

**God Provides**

(1 Samuel 23:6, 9-13)

Abiathar, the lone survivor of the slaughter at Nob, fled to David, bringing with him the high priestly ephod. In the meantime, Saul learned that David was at Keilah, and determined to bring his forces against David and his men there.

David learned of this, and asked Abiathar to bring him the

ephod. Once again, David sought God's guidance. David's concern was that the people of Keilah would deliver him and his men into the hand of Saul. Saul told his troops that they were going to Keilah to rescue the city, but his true motive was to capture David.

God told David that, indeed, the people of Keilah would surrender him to Saul. So David and about 600 of his men made their escape into the Desert of Ziph.

David learned - as should we - that doing God's will does not mean we'll have a life of ease and comfort. If anything, the contrary might be the case. That does not excuse us from obedience, which is the highest calling of God. We should always be open to the next direction that God gives, no matter how uncomfortable it might make us. We are promised His presence and protection - as B.B. McKinney wrote, "Wherever He leads, I'll go."

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## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### How Can I Express Love?

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

By Laura Leathers

In 1967 the Beatles were commissioned by the British Broadcasting Corporation to write a song for the first live global television link entitled, *Our World*. The song, "All You Need is Love", written by John Lennon, was watched by 400 million people in 26 countries on June 25, 1967, via satellite (website: Winnipeg). Their message to all nationalities—love is everything.

Yes, all people need to be loved, but with so much more than the type of love referred to in this song. This love in the Greek is *phileo* which means the love shared between friends. The world also spends a great deal of time talking about the love of sweethearts which in the Greek is *eros* and this word is never mentioned in the New

Testament. God is love (*agapa* in Greek and *ahab* in Hebrew). Jesus Christ is the model of love (1 John 3:16). This love is demonstrated to others through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer.

Wedged between the chapters about the endowment of gifts (1 Cor. 12) and the spirit in which they are to be exercised (1 Cor. 14) is the chapter Barclay calls, "The Hymn of Love" (1 Cor. 13). Here we learn love is more than a feeling, love moves us to action.

**Understanding Love's Importance - 1 Cor. 13:1-3**

Love is the greatest gift! A person may be able to speak with the tongues of men and angels, or have the gift of prophecy, or knowledge, or faith, or the ability to give to the poor, or surrender their body to



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be burned, but it is all meaningless if there is not genuine love.

Based upon 1 John 4:7-10, The MacArthur Study Bible gives five reasons Christians are to exhibit love: "God is the essence of love (vs.7,8); they are to follow the supreme example of God's sac-

rificial love in sending His Son for us (vs. 9); because love is at the heart of Christian witness (vs.12); because love is the Christian's assurance (vs. 13-16); and because love is the Christian's confidence in judgment (vs.17-20). This is why love is important. Furthermore, "love is the essential undergirding for the proper management of any spiritual gift" (Women's Study Bible).

**Demonstrate Love's Qualities 1 Cor. 13:4-7**

Throughout this letter to the Corinthians the Apostle Paul emphasized love built up the church (1 Cor. 8:1). As previously discussed the church at Corinth had major problems: the abuse of the gift of

tongues, division in the church, envy of the others' gifts, selfishness, and impatience with one another in the public meetings. This behavior was disgracing the Lord.

In one of the most beautiful passages of scripture in the Bible, Paul unfolds a character sketch that H. A. Ironside refers to as "a pen portrait of the Lord Jesus Christ." As you read this passage take a moment to write out the fifteen characteristics of Christian love on the left side of a piece of paper. Next go to Galatians 5:22-24, after you have read this passage, write on the right side of your paper the attributes Fruit of the Spirit. The characteristics of Christian love are to be demonstrated in a believer's life; it is the evidence of salvation and the work of the Holy Spirit in a Believer's life. When there is love in the fellowship the church is edified—"and they will know we are Christians by our love."

**Exhibit Love's Permanence**

1 Cor. 13:8-13

Paul puts life in perspective

with this very powerful statement, "Love never fails". Man cannot live without faith, hope, and love. "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Hope is what makes life meaningful and without it man lives in despair. There will come a time when spiritual gifts and knowledge will vanish away. The virtues of faith and hope will also vanish because they are only needed for the journey here on earth. What about the virtue of love? Why is love the greatest of these three virtues? Because it was before the foundation of the earth and it is eternal! God is love.

Now, church, with one mighty voice let's sing the following chorus: "Love is the theme, love is supreme; Sweeter it grows, glory bestows; Bright as the sun ever it glows! Love is the theme, eternal theme!" (Chorus from Love is the Theme by Albert C. Fisher)

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



1. Fellowship Church, Ellisville



2. Hawthorn Church, Jeff Davis County



### MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Fellowship Church, Ellisville: \$319.51 collected for the Baptist Children's Village. Shown are the participants.
2. Hawthorn Church, Jeff Davis County: Church received \$849.19 in offering for the Center for Pregnancy Choices of Lawrence County. Average attendance of children and workers, 70. Shown are the participants.
3. Pleasant Hill Church, Calhoun Association: Shown are the participants.



3. Pleasant Hill Church, Calhoun Association

## JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Rocky Point Church, Carthage



2. First Church, Richland

1. Rocky Point Church, Carthage, held a baby dedication. Shown are some of the participants.
2. First Church, Richland, presented chief of police Russel James with over 200 teddy bears and stuffed animals recently. These will be used by the Richland police department to help calm children when they are involved in police situations or accidents. Shown are interim pastor Jerry Mixon and James.
3. Concord Church, Booneville, honored new deacon Doug Hargett and his wife Kim with a reception to begin the new church year. Shown are the Hargetts.
4. Providence Church, Grenada County, ordained Jeff Briscoe as deacon May 30. Shown is Briscoe and pastor Harvey Springer.



3. The Hargetts



4. Briscoe ordination

## OBITUARY



Soesbe

Mike Soesbe, pastor, St. Elmo Church, St. Elmo, Ala., died Apr. 28. He was a graduate of Foley High School, Foley, Ala., the University of South Alabama, and New Orleans Seminary. He was a Viet Nam veteran, serving in the United States Air Force from 1970 - 74. He pastored Shady Grove Church, Selma, Ala., Perdido Church, Perdido, Ala., Silver Creek Church, Mt. Olive Church, and Rolling Creek Church, all in Mississippi.



## COLLEGE NEWS

The Baptist Student Union of William Carey University will host the annual Survival Weekend for freshmen and transfer students August 20 through 22 on the Hattiesburg campus. Registration is Aug. 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Conference Center of Wilkes Hall. A meet and greet begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The informational sessions begin at 7 p.m. followed by late night entertainment at 9 p.m. Breakfast is Aug. 21 at 8:15 a.m. followed by a community service project from 8:45 a.m. until noon. Lunch is at noon with informational sessions throughout the afternoon. Dinner is at 5 p.m., followed by additional sessions and late night entertainment at 9 p.m. Aug. 22 students are invited to attend various local churches for worship. Students living in the dorms will be allowed to move in Aug. 20 beginning at 1 p.m. Registration for Survival Weekend is \$35 and includes a t-shirt, activities and meals. For information call (601) 318-6161 or visit [www.careybsu.org](http://www.careybsu.org).